

Statement By The Chairman

I hereby record that the States Parties to the Treaty on Open Skies Represented in the Open Skies Consultative Commission, on this date, have taken five decisions entitled:

Decision Number One, Distribution of Costs Arising Under the Treaty On Open Skies;

Decision Number Two, Additional Non-Destructive-Testing Equipment;

Decision Number Three, Methodology For Calculating The Minimum Height Above Ground Level At Which Each Optical Camera Installed On An Observation Aircraft May Be Operated During An Observation Flight;

Decision Number Four, Minimum Camera Specification For An Observation Aircraft Of An Observed Party Exercising Its Right To Provide An Observation Aircraft For An Observation Flight; and

Decision Number Five, Responsibility For The Processing Of Film Used During An Observation Flight.

With regard to the five decisions taken today and referred to in this statement, we understand:

that those decisions formally adopted shall be legally binding;

that Article XV of the Treaty on Open Skies shall apply to those decisions; and

that with reference to Article XVII of the Treaty on Open Skies, any State signing or acceding to the Treaty shall also be bound by those Decisions.

This Chairman's statement recording the above decisions of the OSCC and these understandings will be recorded in the Journal and transmitted to the Depositaries by the Chairman.

This action of the Open Skies Consultative Commission satisfies the Obligation in the Treaty on Open Skies for decisions prior to June 30, 1992, as laid out in: Annex L, Section 1, Paragraph 9; Annex F, Section 1, Paragraph 7; and Appendix 1 to Annex D, Section III, Paragraph 2.